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New River, Jacksonville  
North Carolina 28540

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters, U.S.  
Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. 20380  
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area, Marine Corps  
Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533  
Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology, period 1 July to 31 December 1974  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistic support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Materiel.

b. The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and materiel to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units thereof, and other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

c. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 July to 31 December 1974.

d. Command and Staff Assignments

Commanding Officer

Col G. C. DOSTER  
1 Jul - 25 Jul 74  
Col N. J. KAPETAN  
26 Jul 74 - 31 Dec 74

Executive Officer

Lt Col G. F. GALLAGHER

S-1 Officer

Lt Col M. O. MARTINEZ  
1 Jul - 26 Jul 74  
Maj M. J. BARKOVICH  
27 Jul 74 - 31 Dec 74

Military Personnel Officer

Capt T. L. BERRY  
12 Nov - 31 Dec 74

S-3 Officer

Maj D. R. GRESHAM  
1 Jul - 4 Aug 74  
Lt Col E. REICHERT  
5 Aug 74 - 31 Dec 74

Operations Officer

Maj D. R. GRESHAM  
1 Jul - 4 Aug 74  
Maj C. W. DePIETRO  
5 Aug 74 - 31 Dec 74

Air Traffic Control

Maj D. R. GRESHAM

S-4 Officer

Lt Col G. M. BLACKBURN  
1 Jul - 2 Sep 74  
Lt Col C. A. TUBBS  
3 Sep 74 - 31 Dec 74

Comptroller

Lt Col R. W. CARR

Commanding Officer H&HS

Maj J. L. PUGH  
1 Jul - 8 Aug 74  
Maj E. D. HAYMORE  
9 Aug 74 - 31 Dec 74

Executive Officer H&HS

Capt C. COLLINS III

Dental Officer

Capt R. M. HOFFMAN USN-MAG-26

Medical Officer

LtCmdr J. E. BURKHART USN-MAG-26

Catholic Chaplain

LtCmdr B. GROCHOWSKI USN

Protestant Chaplain

Cmdr W. A. SMITH USN

Supply Officer

CWO-3 B. D. REDIC

Services Officer

Maj W. M. BUSH

Special Services Officer

Capt B. D. MILO

Com/Elect Officer	Capt M. G. CAMERON
Disbursing Officer	Maj N. M. SCOTT
Public Affairs Officer	CWO-3 L. J. LEPAGE 5 Aug 74 - 31 Dec 74
Motor Transport Officer	2nd Lt C. J. CALLAGHAN 1 Jul - 2 Oct 74
Provost Marshal Officer	Capt R. K. SCHAFFER 1 Jul - 31 Dec 74
Adjutant	1st Lt K. R. SHEPPARD 1 Jul 74 - 5 Aug 74 Capt G.A. O'CONNELL 6 Aug 74 - 31 Dec 74
Sgt Maj	Sgt Maj A. D. BUNTING Jr.
Dining Facility Officer	1st Lt T. J. ROTHCHILD 1 Jul - 18 Dec 74 MSGT A. S. COOK 19 Dec 74 - 31 Dec 74
Human Affairs Division	Capt L. D. GABLE 1 Jul - 4 Sep 74 Capt E. E. NEWHOUSE 5 Sep - 15 Dec 74 1st Lt B. J. TREADWAY 16 Dec 74 - 31 Dec 74
CMD Club System	Capt R. R. STOUT 1 Dec 74 - 31 Dec 74

e. Average Strength. The average monthly strength during this period was 567 personnel. This figure includes officer and enlisted, permanent and attached personnel.

3. Personnel

a. During this period, 145 permanent personnel and 105 FAP personnel were joined. 130 permanent personnel were transferred and 155 FAP personnel terminated.

b. Twenty-seven Marines reenlisted and 35 Marines were released from active duty/discharged.

c. During this period, the following promotions were effected within this Command:

(1) Officer: Maj-1; 1st Lt-2

(2) Enlisted: SgtMaj-1; SSgt-4; Sgt-30; Cpl-36; LCpl-24; Pfc-23

d. The following decorations/awards were presented to Squadron personnel during this period at appropriate ceremonies:

(1) Good Conduct Medals 29

(2) Letter of Recognition 1

(3) Meritorious Masts 16

(4) Letters of Commendation 2

(5) Certificate of Commendation 1

(6) Letters of Appreciation 4

e. Civilian Personnel

(1) The following information is submitted for Civil Service personnel for the period ending 31 December 1974.

(a) Ceiling	<u>Graded</u>	<u>Ungraded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full time permanent			66
On-Board	39	24	63

(b) During this period two employees retired.

(c) The civilian turnover was 11 separations and 14 accessions.

(d) Due to consolidation of various function of the Air Station with Marine Corps Base, 146 civilian employees (35 graded and 111 ungraded) were transferred to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune as of 1 July 1974.

4. Training

a. General

(1) The Training Department is responsible to the MCAS(H) S-3 for providing aviation training to units of the Second Marine Air Wing Stationed at MCAS(H) New River. In addition, the Training Department operates an Audio-Visual/Film Library.

(2) Personnel, who man the Training Department, are also directly responsible to the Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron for coordinating and implementing individual training of enlisted Marines which includes Rifle Marksmanship, Physical Fitness Test, Drown Proofing, Pistol Requalification and Familiarization Firing. Further, it monitors the command Weight Control Program, MCI, Essential Subjects Training, SNCO and NCO Leadership Training, and coordinates MOS Training.

b. Aviation Training

(1) On 10 May 1974 CMC declared the 2B10A Cockpit procedures trainer in excess of training requirements. It is now awaiting deposition.

(2) No training in aviation occurred from 10 May 74 to 31 Dec 74. MAG-26/29 investigated the benefit derived from the 2B10A (an H-3 Cockpit Mock-up) and concluded that little or no training was accomplished from this trainer due to its being completely dissimilar to any aircraft assigned to the tactical groups.

c. Audio-Visual Film Library

(1) The Film Library Branch has 104 items of equipment on hand and has issued on temporary and extended custody the following equipment; Movie Projector-260, Slide Projector-29, Opaque Projectors-16, Screens-90, Films-690 Lecturnettes-28, Tape Recorders-14. This Branch performs all preventive maintenance and repairs on these devices, plus those belonging to other units. This Branch has also made 120 transparencies for use as training aids.

d. Individual Training

(1) Rifle Marksmanship. 179 personnel fired for qualification with 157 qualified and 22 unqualified.

(2) PFT. 352 personnel were administered the test and 113 were not tested. 88% of the personnel tested passed.

(3) Weight Control Program. During this reporting period 37 Marines were placed on the Weight Control Program. At the end of the reporting period all except two have been transferred, discharged, or have been released from the program due to satisfactory improvement.

(4) Drown Proofing. At present we have fifty-three unqualified personnel. Lack of qualified swim instructors precluded testing during the past two quarters.

(5) Pistol Requalification

(a) Twenty out of twenty Officers qualified with T/O weapon 38 Caliber.

(2) 189 SNCO and below fired the Caliber 45/with only one unqualified.

## 5. Airfield Operations

### a. Crash Crew

(1) Crash Crew Division. The combined Crash Crew and Structural Fire Department has 20 vehicles assigned for aircraft and structural fire protection. Two of the 20 pieces are on loan from Marine Aircraft Group-26, and three are on loan from Marine Aircraft Group-29, and are used to supplement the station equipment.

(2) Crash Crew accomplished the following during the period 1 July - 31 December 1974.

(a) Aircraft crashes: One (1)

(b) Aircraft standbys: Fifty-five (55)

(c) Manned equipment: The Station Crash Crew spent 7510.0 hrs manning the Hopspot position for landing and departing aircraft and also stood by for 84 defuels, 44 washdowns of fuel spills, plus 18 escorts.

(d) Training: 1519.6 man hours were spent on Crash Crew Training.

### b. Aircraft Maintenance

(1) During this period, 1333.3 aircraft flight hours were flown in aircraft assigned for Station Support (tenant helicopter aircraft Groups not included). Total flight time by type aircraft was as follows:

(a) T-28C-341.6

(b) T-28B-393.5

(c) US-2B-598.2

(2) During this period an average of 222.2 hours per month were flown.

(3) Aircraft transactions were as follows: Aircraft BUNO 140647 was received on 16 Jul 74; Aircraft BUNO 136395 transferred on 19 Jul 74; Aircraft BUNO 136395 received on 21 Oct 74; Aircraft BUNO 138259 received on 29 Oct 75; Aircraft BUNO 138300 Transferred on 15 Nov 74.

(4) Operational Readiness Report is as follows:

<u>TYPE EQUIP</u>	<u>PERCENT OPERATIONAL READY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY SUPPLY</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY MAINT</u>	<u>PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY</u>
T-28C	66.2	19.6	14.2	33.8
T-28B	60.0	22.4	17.6	40.0
US-2B	50.0	30.9	19.1	50.0

c. Flight Support

(1) The Flight Support Division supported an average of 46 pilots from 2d MarDiv, 2d ANGLICO, and H&HS New River. This support entailed 2443.7 pilot hours on 604 proficiency or logistic flights on the average of seven aircraft assigned to this Station. This section also renewed three (3) Standard and five (5) Special Instrument Cards.

d. Weather Service Division

(1) Personnel. On 31 Dec 1974 this Division had the following on hand strength.

(a) OIC 2nd Lt	(1)	6802
(b) NCOIC MGySgt	(1)	6842
(c) Forecasters	(7)	6842
(d) Ass't Forecasters	(1)	6821
(e) Observers	(20)	6821
(f) Observers/Rawinsonde	(2)	6831
(g) Technicians	(0)	2853

(2) During this reporting period the following personnel transferred (tr)/Joined (jd)/discharged (disc) Reassigned (reas)

(a) 6842	(reas)	(1)
(b) 6831	(reas)	(1)
(c) 6821	(tr)-(1); (jd)-(3); (disc)-(4); (reas)-(1)	

(3) Administration

(a) This Division maintains a 24 hour daily forecaster and observational program, with forecasts produced and disseminated locally and observations transmitted via Air Force Teletype Circuit plus local dissemination.

(b) A total of 886 IFR, 743 VFR, and 234 local flight forecasts were issued, in addition, 68 destructive weather warnings were disseminated to parent and tenant commands at MCAS(H) and Camp Lejeune.

(c) Monthly Climatological, Astronomical, and Tidal data was computed and published for use at the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.

(d) Blast Focus Forecasts were prepared and disseminated on a daily basis to Camp Lejeune G-3 Training, range control and 2d MAW TACC, at MCAS Cherry Point.

(4) Training

(a) The following training was conducted:

- 1 Weather Observing Techniques, 362 Hours
- 2 Weather Forecasting Techniques, 148 Hours
- 3 Weather Equipment Maintenance, 23 Hours
- 4 Rawinsonde Techniques, 517 Hours

(b) Lectures

1 Eight (8) one hour lectures were given to 145 tenant command pilots.

(5) Community Relations

(a) Fifteen (15) adults, 65 Children, and four (4) Teachers toured the Weather Office.

(b) The Weather Officer and Weather Services Chief each gave a one hour lecture/demonstration for the 5th grade science class at the Infant of Prague School in Jacksonville.

(6) Ceremonies

(a) Provided personnel for local retirement/change of Command Ceremonies.

(7) Modification of Plant and Facility. None

(8) New Program and Changes and/or Status of Existing Programs.

(a) Long line transmission of aviation forecasts over Comet II began 2100Z, 15 July 1974.

(b) Mobile Maintenance Van (MMF-WK) (Rawinsonde) is set up and operational. Although some funding for initial issue items was received from MAG-26, no funds are allocated for the third quarter. Some training was accomplished as noted in paragraph d.(4).(a).

(c) Mobile Maintenance Van (MMF-WL) (Radar) is expected to arrive at New River during January. The Radar Van will be a Second Marine Air Wing asset but should be subcustodied to the station via MAG-26.

(9) Command relations with other military organizations with the immediate area. See paragraph (3).(d) above.

e. Air Traffic Control Division

(1) Air Traffic Operations. Operations for the reporting period totalled 67,221. There were 148 passengers manifested of whom 75 were VIPs. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 501 transient aircraft and moved 16,771 lbs of cargo. Total operating hours numbered 1922.2.

(2) MCAS(H) New River assumed the radar mission from MATCU-64 on 1 Nov 74. All controllers, less the officer in charge and his NCOIC, were transferred to the station in conformance with the current Fleet Augmentation Program. The average strength, therefore, increased to 52 Marines and two (2) civilians.

(3) Partial rehabilitation of the Control Tower continued during this period.

6. Medical Department

a. Average Monthly Strength:

(1) Flight Surgeon 2

(2) Hospital Corpsman 30

b. Administration. As of 1 July 1974 the Naval Regional Medical Center, Camp Lejeune, regionalized the medical facilities aboard this Base.

c. Services Provided:

(1) Sick Call Patients 11,779

(2) Prescriptions Issued - 10,025

(3) Flight/Other Physicals - 1,602

(4) X-Rays - 2,406

(5) Audiograms - 2,386

(6) Laboratory Tests - 5,835

(7) Spectacles Ordered - 896

7. Communications/Electronics Department

a. AN/GRN-9C TACAN

(1) Extensive Field Maintenance was accomplished in October and November of 1974.

b. AN/CPN-4 Radar

(1) The CPN-4 Radar installation and flight inspection is complete, with the unit currently being utilized for air controller training. Total acceptance/turn over is pending correction of deficiencies by NAVELEXSYSCOM, the installing agency.

8. Public Affairs.

a. Jul 1 - Station Photo Lab was closed and all services referred to MCB Camp Lejeune Photo Lab.

Jul 15 - JPAO moved into a new office at Bldg. 804.

Jul 26 - Col Nick J. KAPETAN assumed command of MCAS(H) from Col Grover C. DOSTER who retired after 32 years.

Jul 31 - Motorcycle Club gets new club house at Bldg 832.

b. Aug 9 - Maj Everett D. HAYMORE assumed command of H&HS from Maj Jessie L. PUGH

c. Sep 18 - HMM-261 at MCAS(H) chosen Corps' top Helicopter Squadron.

d. Oct 20 - Sixty-one Richland's Kindergarden students visited MCAS(H).

e. Nov 8 - An outdoor pageant with representation from all units based aboard MCAS(H) New River was held on the new VMO-1 hangar aircraft parking ramp. Dependents and interested civilians were invited to observe. Music was provided by the 2d Marine Division Band. In excess of 200 guests were on hand to watch the 35 minute pageant which was the first of its kind at this Air Station.

Nov 8 - N.C. Senator Billy Mills was guest of honor for Officers' MC Birthday Ball.

Nov 15 - Commandant of the Marine Corps visited MCAS(H) New River.

Nov 18 - MCAS(H) opened the new SNCO Club.

9. S-4

a. 1 July 1974. Consolidation of certain selective functions with Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune:

(1) Maintenance Functions (Old MCAS(H) Public Works)

(2) Motor Transport

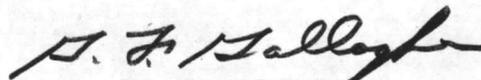
(3) MCON Planning

(4) Utilities and Services

(5) Ground Safety Program

b. 12 Aug 1974. A civilian Safety Specialist (GS-9) was hired, through MCB, Camp Lejeune, to administer the Ground Safety Program for MCAS(H) New River.

c. 4 Sept 1974. LtCol C. S. TUBBS relieved LtCol G. M. BLACKBURN as the Station S-4 Officer.

  
G. F. GALLAGHER  
By direction

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 10-11-68

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SA, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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